



470 North American Championship
(Men and Mixed Crews)
Women's 470 North American Championship
(Women Crews)
International 420 North American Championship
(a qualifying event for the 2018 World Sailing Youth World Championship)

January 13 - 15, 2018 – Miami, Florida

**Organizing Authority:
Coconut Grove Sailing Club (CGSC)**

NOTICE OF RACE

1. Rules

1.1 - The regatta will be governed by the Rules as defined in the 2017-2020 World Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing.

1.2 - The Equipment Rules of Sailing will apply to the extent they are referenced into the respective Class Rules.

1.3 - No Class Rule change will apply.

1.4 –Only US Sailing Prescriptions rule 61.4, Appendix R, and prescriptions to rules 60.3, 67, 70.5(a) and 76.1 will apply, except that for the I-420 class the US Sailing prescriptions to rules 63.2 and 63.4 shall apply with the words “when practicable” in the first sentence of the prescription to rule 63.4 deleted.

1.5 - If there is a conflict between languages, the English text will take precedence.

1.6 - This is a protected competition for the I-420 class (per US Sailing Regulation 12.03). The expedited appeal process is available for this class (see Appendix R, Procedures for Appeals and Requests, rule R8, Expedited Appeals).

2. Advertising

2.1 - Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organizing Authority.

3. Eligibility and Entry

3.1 – The regatta is open to boats of the above listed Classes where the competitors comply with WORLD SAILING Regulation 19. Each crewmember of a competing boat shall be a national or ordinarily a resident of the nation where the National Authority the crew intends to represent is established.

3.2 – For the 470 Class, participating crews in the regatta shall be designated by their National Class Association or by their National Authority where there is no National Association. Only crews in good standing with the respective International Class Associations may participate, meaning: each crewmember shall be member of a National Class Association affiliated to the National Authority or of the International Class Association when there is no National Association in the concerned country.

3.3 - Crew modifications following the on-line entry deadline (see NOR 3.5, below) must be approved by the Principal Race Officer.

3.4 - Boats shall comply with the Class Rules and have a valid measurement form, when applicable. The sail number shall conform to the Class Rules.

3.5 – Eligible boats must enter on-line by going to the event website:

<http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/15441> and completing the on-line Entry Form, including sail number, crew name and the fee section. This must be completed by 1700 Wednesday, January 11th or entry will not be accepted. On-site Check-In as scheduled per NOR 6.1 is also required

On-line entries completed after 1700 Wednesday the 10th will be accepted at the discretion of the Race Committee

4. Fees

4.1 - The entry fee for all boats is US\$150.

5. Regatta Format

5.1 - The regatta will consist of a fleet race series. Nine races are scheduled. There will not be a practice race. There will not be a Medal Race. No more than four races will be sailed per day.

5.2 - Depending on the number of entries, 470 Men's/Mixed Classes and Women's Classes may race together or in separate fleets.

6. - Schedule

6.1 –

Friday, January 12	1530 – 1800	Check-In at CGSC
	1800	Competitors Meeting at CGSC
	~1830	Social Gathering with Appetizers at CGSC
Saturday, January 13	1130	First Warning Signal
Sunday, January 14	1130	First Warning Signal
Monday, January 15	1130	First Warning Signal
	1600	Latest time for an <u>Initial</u> First Warning Signal
	TBD	Closing Ceremony with Appetizers at CGSC

6.2 - Closing Ceremony: January 15th as soon as practical after the last race, at CGSC.

7. Measurements

7.1 - In accordance with Racing Rule 78, competitors are responsible for maintaining their boat in accordance with the Class Rules (for the purpose of Racing Rule 78, competitors are considered to be the owners). Measurement inspections at random during the regatta may be organized.

8. Sailing Instructions

8.1 - The Sailing Instructions will be posted on the event website by 1200 Friday, January 12th and provided to competitors at Check-In.

9. Venue

9.1 - The racecourse will be located in the waters of Biscayne Bay between Key Biscayne and Coconut Grove, SSE of the Club.

9.2 - Shore-bases: 470's shall be shore-based at the USSailing Center. International 420's shall be shore-based at CGSC.

10. The Courses

10.1 - Course types will be the Trapezoid (with outer loop or with inner loop) or Windward-Leeward courses.

10.2 - Length of courses will be adapted according to wind strength in order to have expected race durations that generally conform to the race target times of the two classes.

11. Penalty System

11.1 - Racing Rule Appendix P5 will apply.

12. Scoring

12.1 - The Low Points Scoring System of rule Appendix A will apply. When fewer than six races have been completed, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores.

12.2 - When six or more races have been completed, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

12.3 – Only one race is required to constitute a series.

13. Support Boats

13.1 – Support boats, including coach boats, shall register at Check-In and be marked with the flag issued to them at Check-In which shall be displayed at all times during the event

13.2 – Support boats may be called upon to act as rescue boats and shall monitor the Race Committee VHF channel while on the water during the event.

14. Disclaimer of Liability

14.1 - Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The Organizing Authority and all parties involved in the regatta organization will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

15. Prizes

15.1 - Trophies will be awarded to the top three finishers in each class. There is a shared perpetual trophy for the 470 Classes.

16 PROCEDURES FOR PROTECTED COMPETITIONS

16.1 - US Sailing Regulation 12.03, Protected Competitions, will be in effect for the I-420 class. The following rules and procedures will apply:

- a) The US Sailing prescriptions to rules 60, 63.2, and 63.4 shall apply to a Protected Competition, except that the words "when practicable" in the first sentence of the prescription to rule 63.4 are deleted.
- b) Protest committees shall include 20% "sailor-athlete" representation. "Sailor-athlete" has the meaning of "athlete" set forth in USOC Bylaw, Section 8.8.2 (the 10-year rule) or Level A or B Sailor-Athlete as defined by US Sailing Sailor Athlete Council (SAC) Bylaws 3.3.1 and 3.3.2 (except that the US Sailing member class referred to in SAC Bylaw 3.3.2.3 shall be an international class recognized by World Sailing at the time of the sailor-athlete's qualification).
- c) The right of appeal will not be denied under rule 70.5 (a), (b), or (c), but an expedited appeal process may be used that balances the needs of the competitor for certainty with respect to berths in future competitions and sufficient time to prepare the arguments and evidence for the appeal.
- d) Any boat that is a party to a redress hearing may be represented by up to two individuals. This changes rule 63.3(a).
- e) If a hearing is scheduled after the event is concluded and after the sailors and officials have left the venue, it will be scheduled as soon as possible, and in a place and manner chosen with deference to the competitor's preferences or circumstances; and parties to the hearing have the right to be present telephonically or via video feed as appropriate, provided all participants can hear and speak to each other.

16.2 The following rule changes shall be made:

- a) Rule 65.2 is changed as follows: "seven days" is changed to "24 hours"; and "promptly" is changed to ", within 24 hours".
- b) Rule 66 is deleted and replaced by:

Rule 66 REOPENING A HEARING

i. The protest committee may reopen a hearing when it decides that it may have made a significant error, or when significant new evidence becomes available within a reasonable time. However, if an appeal of its decision has been sent to the national authority, the hearing shall not be reopened unless the national authority requires reopening under rule R5.4 or decides the appeal cannot be considered.

ii. A party to the hearing may ask for a reopening no later than 24 hours after being informed of the decision. On the last scheduled day of racing the request shall be delivered (a) within the protest time limit if the requesting *party* was informed of the decision on the previous day; and (b) no later than 30 minutes after the *party* was informed of the decision on that day

iii. When a hearing is reopened, a majority of the members of the protest committee shall, if possible, be members of the original protest committee.

c) Rule 70.2 is deleted.

16.3 EXPEDITED APPEALS PROCEDURE

The expedited appeals system in rule R8, Expedited Appeals, will be used.
<http://www.ussailing.org/race-officials/rules-and-appeals/expedited-appeals/>

R8 EXPEDITED APPEALS

These provisions may be used as an expedited appeals process for US Sailing Protected Competition, as defined in US Sailing Regulation 12.03 and permitted by Regulation 12.03, Section B, Procedures for Protected Competitions.

APPELLANT'S RESPONSIBILITIES

R8.1 An appeal of a protest committee's decision or its procedures shall be sent by e-mail to the US Sailing Race Administration Director (director) at raceadmin@ussailing.org, with a copy to the protest committee chairman.

R8.2 The appeal shall be sent no later than 24 hours after the protest time limit on the last day of the event, or 24 hours after receiving the written decision being appealed or the protest committee's decision not to reopen a hearing, whichever is latest.

R8.3 The appeal shall include: a) the grounds for the appeal; i.e., why the appellant believes the protest committee's decision or its procedures were incorrect; and b) the names and e-mail addresses of the parties to the hearing and the chairman of the protest committee.

R8.4 US Sailing charges a fee of \$25 for an appeal by a member of US Sailing or another national authority, and \$75 for all others. The fee must be paid before the appeal will be considered, and can be paid by credit card online: http://bit.ly/appeal_fee. The fee can also be paid by contacting the director.

US SAILING RACE ADMINISTRATION DIRECTOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES

R8.5 Upon receipt of the appeal, the director will as soon as reasonably possible

- a) forward the appeal to the US Sailing Appeals Committee,
- b) send a written acknowledgement of the appeal via email, and
- c) send a copy of the appeal via email to the parties to the hearing and the protest committee chairman unless satisfied that they already have received it.

In the acknowledgement letter, the director will inform the parties and protest committee chairman of the name and contact information of the chairman of the appeals committee.

PROTEST COMMITTEE'S RESPONSIBILITIES

R8.6 The protest committee shall e-mail to the chairman of the appeals committee as soon as reasonably possible the following documents and information:

- (a) a copy of the decision being appealed;
- (b) the written protest(s) or request(s) for redress;
- (c) a diagram if relevant, prepared or endorsed by the protest committee, that conforms to rule R2.2(c);
- (d) the notice of race, sailing instructions, any other documents governing the event, and any changes to them, unless previously sent to the appeals committee chairman; and
- (e) any other relevant documents.

R8.7 The protest committee shall, within the deadline set by the appeals committee, supply any additional documents, facts or other information when requested to do so by the appeals committee. If directed to do so by the appeals committee, the protest committee shall at the first reasonable opportunity conduct a hearing of the protest or request for redress, or reopen the hearing of the protest or request for redress. The appeals committee may direct the protest committee to conduct a hearing to consider redress for the appellant or other party to the hearing.

COMMENTS

R8.8 The parties to the hearing and the protest committee may make comments on the appeal or on any of the documents listed in rule R8.6 and R8.7. Comments shall be sent by e-mail to the appeals committee, with copies to the parties to the hearing and the protest committee chairman. The comment period for the appeal and each document is 72 hours from the time the appeals committee sends the appeal or document unless the appeals committee sets a different deadline.

APPEALS COMMITTEE'S RESPONSIBILITIES

R8.9 The appeals committee shall send by e-mail to all parties to the hearing, and to the protest committee, copies of all relevant documents and comments it has received, except those supplied by that party or committee.

R8.10 The appeals committee shall accept the protest committee's finding of facts except when it decides they are inadequate. In that case, it shall require the protest committee to provide additional facts or other information, or to reopen the hearing and report any new finding of facts, and the protest committee shall do so at the first reasonable opportunity.

17. Further Information

17.1 - For further information, please visit
<http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/15441>

18. QUALIFICATION FOR 2018 WORLD SAILING YOUTH WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

18.1 - For more information on how competitors qualify for the US Youth World Team see <http://www.ussailing.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/07/YWQ-2018-Selection-Criteria-and-Code-of-Conduct.pdf>

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